

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious crime that affects all economic, racial, religious, gender, and cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control or abuse; and

WHEREAS, children who experience domestic violence are at a higher risk of failure in school, emotional distress, and substance abuse, and are more likely to perpetuate the cycle of violence themselves later in life; and

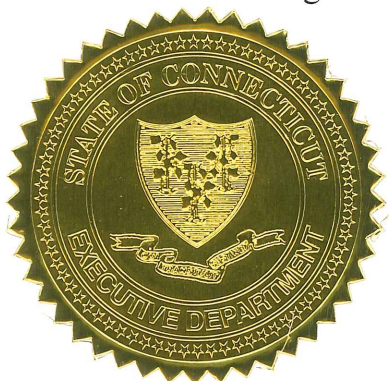
WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing domestic violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims; and

WHEREAS, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we recognize the significant achievements we have made in reducing domestic violence in America, and we recommit ourselves to the important work still ahead of us; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can break the cycle of violence and build communities that are safe for everyone; now

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of October 2014 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Connecticut. I urge all our citizens to join me in working together to eliminate domestic violence from our community and bring peace and equality to every home.


GOVERNOR